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John J. Matheussen
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Dear John:

On behalf of the CEO Council for Growth (CEO Council), a group of dedicated business leaders representing Greater Philadelphia, I write in support of the Southern New Jersey Transit Plan. The CEO Council pursues a regional economic growth agenda designed to help make our metropolitan area more competitive in the global economy. Our mission is to foster regional job and economic growth throughout Greater Philadelphia's footprint – northern Delaware, southern New Jersey and southeastern Pennsylvania – and we recognize the importance of transportation infrastructure to this area's vitality and future competitiveness.

We applaud and support your vision, in particular the plans for the continuation of SJ Light Rail service from Camden to Glassboro. The current success of light rail service in Burlington County has provided incredible economic advantages to the area and similar success is anticipated for the Camden/Gloucester region. Your work in determining the best route through the alternatives analysis and planning study has produced a superior plan – you and your team are to be congratulated.

Further, the Bus Rapid Transit along Routes 42, 55 and 676 and improvements to the NJ Transit 30th Street Station to Atlantic City line proposed by the Delaware River Port Authority, NJ Transit and the South Jersey Transportation Authority will have immediate success in easing congestion on our highways.

The CEO Council looks forward to seeing the plan set in motion and completed as soon as possible.

Sincerely,



Robert C. Wonderling
Chairman

cc: Debra DiLorenzo